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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy August! We hope you and your family are having fun in the sun. It's hard to believe we will be starting school in a few weeks.

The first day of school for all students is Monday, August 28th. Many of our teachers have been in the building in preparation for a year full of excitement and learning. I always look forward to the start of the school year as it offers all of us the opportunity to start with a fresh outlook and a new set of goals to strive for. Most importantly, the energy and laughter the children fill the building with offers a refreshing change to our summer routine.

Once again, our maintenance department has done an outstanding job preparing the building for the upcoming school year. Floors have been waxed, windows washed and the building has been cleaned top to bottom. Their hard work helps make our school a safe and welcoming place for students, staff and parents.

The 2017-2018 bus routes and times will be posted on our website prior to the start of the school year. It's recommended that you have your child at the bus stop at least 5 minutes before their scheduled pick up time.

The PTA will be holding its first meeting on September 6th, at 6:00pm in the school's library. I encourage you to become involved with our outstanding PTA. This dedicated group of volunteers provides us with many wonderful opportunities for our students and families throughout the school year and needs your support in making these events possible.

Just a few quick reminders regarding some of our school procedures:

School Hours

Students are expected to be in their classroom by 8:30. Anyone arriving after 8:30 is considered tardy and must sign in at the office. The children are dismissed from school starting at 2:55.

Attendance:

If your child will be absent or late to school for any reason, please call the school 659-2192 no later than 9:00 am. Please state your child's name, teacher, and reason for absence in order to be excused.

Morning Drop Off Routine:

Just a quick reminder, if you drop your child off in the morning, we ask you to use the left hand lane of the driveway. (Stay to the left) Please turn left into the parking lot and drop off your child at the crosswalk. If you choose to walk your child into the building, or you need to come into the building, please park in the parking lot and then proceed to the front of the building. The right hand side of the driveway, and in front of the school entrance area, is reserved exclusively for the buses to drop off students.

Afternoon Parent Pick Up:

Please keep in mind that parent pick up starts at 2:55 for children with the last names A-L and 3:00 for M-Z. If your child is in 1st or 2nd grade, please line up on the right side of the front foyer. If your student is in the 3rd, 4th or 5th grades, please line on the left side of the front foyer. All kindergarten students can be picked up at the kindergarten entrance at the far end of the building.

Changes in Your End of Day Routine:

If you are planning on changing your child's after school routine or picking them up early, a note clearly stating this change should be sent in with your child at the beginning of the school day. We ask that you refrain from last minute changes to your child's end of the day routine unless it's an emergency. The secretaries can be overwhelmed by parent phone calls at the end of the school day with last minute changes. If you need to call, please try to do this by 2:00, this will allow us time to share this information with your child in a timely manner.

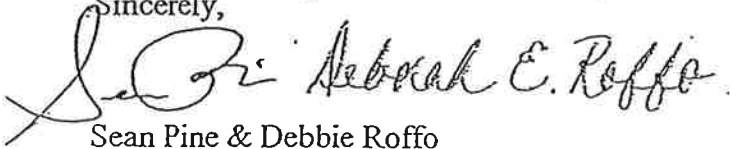
Dates for Your Calendar:

1. August 24th - Kindergarten Playdate - 4:00 - 5:00 pm (playground) Rain date: 8/25
2. August 28th - School Begins for Students
3. September 1st & 4th - No School (Labor Day Weekend)
4. September 6th - PTA Meeting - 6:00pm - NES Library
5. September 7th - Back to School Paperwork due (Emergency Card, Insurance Forms, etc.)
6. September 13th - School Picture Day
7. September 14th - Parent Back to School Night: 6:00 (Parent only please)*
8. September 29th - No School - Teacher Workshop Day

*Please keep in mind this night is an opportunity for you to learn about your child's classroom. Unfortunately, there is not enough time for teachers to conference with you about your child in this particular setting.

We hope you all have the opportunity to enjoy the last couple of weeks of summer. Please feel free to contact the school with any questions or concerns you may have regarding your child. We look forward to seeing you throughout the school year.

Sincerely,



Sean Pine & Debbie Roffo